

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **VICE CHAIRMAN AUBYN CURTISS**, on March 26, 2003
at 3:42 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bill Tash, Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Greg Petesch, Legislative Branch
Roberta Opel, Committee Secretary

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 673, 3/26/2003
Executive Action: HB 545

HEARING ON HB 673

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. JIM PETERSON, HD 94, Buffalo, opened the hearing on HB 673; procedures and criteria for FWP objections to existing water rights.

Proponents' Testimony:

3:45pm John Bloomquist, MT. Stockgrower's Association
3:50pm Nancy Schlepp, MT. Farm Bureau
3:52pm Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

Opponents' Testimony:

3:54pm Jeff Hagener, Director, MT. Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) **EXHIBIT(nas64a01)**
4:03pm Bob Gilbert, representing Walleye Unlimited
4:05pm John Wilson, representing Trout Unlimited
EXHIBIT(nas64a02)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:16pm Begin
4:39pm End
23 min Elapsed time

Closing by Sponsor:

4:39pm REP. PETERSON closed the hearing on HB 673.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 545

Motion: SEN. DEBBIE SHEA moved HB 545 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

4:43pm Begin

Motion: SEN. SHEA moved to adopt AMENDMENT HB054501.akl. Motion carried with SEN. KEN TOOLE voting no.

Motion: SEN. SHEA MOVED HB 545 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

4:46pm Begin

Motion: SEN. TOOLE moved to reconsider committee action on the AMENDMENT HB054501.akl. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion:

4:52pm Begin

4:55pm End

3 min Elapsed time

Motion: SEN. MCGEE moved to amend a portion of HB 545. **Motion carried.**

Motion: SEN. MCGEE moved HB 545 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

4:55pm Begin

4:57pm End

2 min Elapsed time

Vote: Motion HB 545 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED carried with SENATORS TOOLE, ELLINGSON and ROUSH voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5 P.M.

SEN. BILL TASH, Chairman

ROBERTA OPEL, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (nas64aad)